

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

10<sup>th</sup> February 2015

To: Chairman & Members of the Swavesey Byeways Advisory Committee

**1. Expenditure for 2014/2015 and Five Year Expenditure Summary**

- 1.1 Attached as Appendix 1 is a breakdown of the current year's expenditure, together with the last five year's average annual expenditure per Byeway.

**2. Review of Maintenance and Anticipated Expenditure for 2015/2016**

- 2.1 Councillor Ellington and the Council's Drainage Manager have planned an inspection of all the Byeways for February 2014 in order to assess their current state and the likely level of maintenance required in the coming year. As a result of the wet Autumn & Winter periods, it is expected that deterioration has taken place along the most frequently used sections. However, Cow Fen, Hale Road, Uttons Drove, Tipplers Drove and Middle Fen in particular are likely to require maintenance in the coming year.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Committee advise the District Council to maintain the present level of maintenance and in view of the report of the Executive Director Corporate Services, to levy a charge of 90 pence per hectare for the period of 2015/2016.

For Discussion and Recommendation

**3. Voluntary Maintenance Arrangements**

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Advisory Committee in January 2014, it was decided to continue with the voluntary maintenance arrangements for the Byeways whereby the Chargepayers provide labour and plant to spread materials.
- 3.2 Under the current arrangements the District Council manages the maintenance programme and budget, ordering materials, collecting the rate etc, whilst Chargepayers voluntarily provide labour and plant to spread materials. This arrangement has worked reasonably well in the past and it is recommended that the same practices are applied for the coming year.

For Discussion and Recommendation

**Mike Hill**  
**Director – Health & Environmental Services**

## SWAVESEY BYEWAYS

### Appendix 1

| Expenditure 2014/2015 |                       |                  |             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Date                  | Byeway                | Materials/Loads  | Cost £      |
| 2014                  | Cow Fen               | 4 Loads Planings | 560         |
| 2014                  | Uttons Drove/Tipplers | 8 Loads Planings | 1120        |
| 2014                  | Mow Fen/Hale Road     | 6 Loads Planings | 840         |
| 2014                  | River Fen/Middle Fen  | 3 Loads Planings | 420         |
|                       |                       | <b>Total</b>     | <b>2940</b> |

| Byeway               | 2010/11 | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 5 Year Average |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| Cow Fen              | 750     | 390     | 390     | 650     | 560     | 548            |
| Hale/Mow             | 1160    | 390     | 585     | 780     | 840     | 751            |
| Scotland/Boxworth    | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -              |
| Utton/Tipplers       | 1420    | 1720    | 780     | 1170    | 1120    | 1242           |
| Middle Fen/River Fen | 125     | 260     | 265     | 260     | 420     | 266            |
| Brick Kiln           |         |         |         |         |         |                |
| Lairstall            |         |         |         |         |         |                |
| Turnbridge           |         |         |         |         |         |                |